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Dear Sir:

I am writing regarding the case of Daniel Becker, MM Docket No.

Mr. Bekcer should be able to show his political advertisement during prime time for the following reasons:

- \*The First Amendment quarantees his right to free speech.
- \*The airwaves are public property and he should have : 🔆 access to them.
- \*The abortion shown in the ad is true, horrible as it may be to watch.
- \*Adequate warning was given so that those who did not wish to watch could switch the channel.
- \*Murders, fights, and sex scandals are shown in prime time news casts and movies on a regular basis. The ad would not be anything new.
- \*The decision by the T.V. station WAGA-TV was politically motivated.

Please consider these comments in making your ruling. Thank you.

Sincerely, Marcia Bos

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January 22, 1993

Ms. Donna Searcy, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street Northwest Washington DC 20554

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Comment has been solicited by the Commission as to whether preferential leased access channel rates should be established for not-for-profit programmers. In pursuit of its land-grant mission, the University of Florida urges the Commission to set such preferential rates for leased access channels.

This University is the largest, most comprehensive, and oldest in Florida. It is the only member of the Association of American Universities from the deep southeast. In furtherance of its state-wide and regional efforts to enhance the public welfare through education, training, technology transfer, and support of economic development, the University must use all the tools for information delivery that modern technology provides. One major tool is video. Engineering, Agriculture, Business, and Foreign Language instruction all involve video now. This is not just video consumed here but video produced here. Commercial networks are ill-equipped to support delivery of such video and have little economic incentive to change that situation.

As distance learning is beginning to take off, such non-commercial video is clearly going to be a much more important tool than it is now. However, without leased access channel affordability, the unsuitedness of commercial networks will become an ever larger barrier to progress. For example, new non-profit networks, coordinated with local channels, would enable this University to extend its services to the enormously rapidly growing communities of elderly persons in our state. Similarly, Florida is rapidly developing into a trilingual (English, Spanish, and Creole) society. Traditional university structures cannot change fast enough to meet this abrupt social change, but affordable video technology could. The key to successful deployment of such services is guaranteed availability of leased access channels at rates commensurate with the public service mission of a land-grant university.

"Leased access" channels were mandated by Congress in order to provide a healthy diversity of information sources in the public interest. Comprehensive universities with broad outreach

programs, such as the University of Florida, are information sources of great value to the public. We cannot be available to the public, however, without affordable access. I therefore reiterate the vital importance of the Commission's providing us with leased access channels at preferential non-profit rates. Without such rates our ability to use video to meet pressing public needs will be severely abridged.

Sincerely,

Samuel B. Trickey

**Executive Director, Information** 

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RE: Comments in MM Docket 92-266

Dear Ms. Searcy,

The FCC requested comment on whether it should establish preferential leased access channel rates for not-for-profit programmers. (NPRM paragraph 153.) Friedland Psychological Associates urges the FCC to set preferential non-profit rates for leased access channels.

Commercial networks are not capable of serving the community needs of the locally based programers we represent.

New non-profit networks and local channels would be able to expand the availability to programs aimed at meeting the needs of under served communities with cultural, informational and educational programming. There could be an expansion of programming geared towards the elderly and minority communities that are mostly ignored by commercial networks.

Of course the emergence of these services would rely on the ability to gain access to these "leased access" channels through low rates.

Congress mandated "leased access" channels to insure the diversity of information sources for the public. Non-profit programers are uniquely capable of meeting this need.

Respectfully,

Lilli Friedland, Ph.D., A.B.P.P.

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